

FIRST POLAR EXPLORER.

A Holland Sailor Sought a Northeast Passage to China in 1594.

From Harper's Weekly: The hardy mariners who were the pioneers in Polar discovery achieved wonders, considering that they had everything to learn about methods of Arctic work, and their vessels and equipment were very inadequate. One of the greatest of all Arctic voyagers was the man who commanded the first true Polar expedition, William Barentz. He sailed from Holland in 1594, on the little fishing smack *Mercurius*, and the object of his voyage shows how ignorant the merchants and seamen of those days were as to the navigability of Arctic seas. Barentz pushed into the unknown for the purpose of sailing around the north end of Nova Zembla, and finding a northwest passage to China, and so for a month he skirted the wall of ice that barred his way, seeking in every direction for a lane by which he might travel through the pack, putting his vessel about eighty-one times and traveling back and forth along the ice edge for 1,700 miles. The highest north he attained during this careful examination of the ice edge was 614 statute miles south of the highest point reached by Nansen, or 874 miles from the Pole.

Frozen Cranberries.

Cranberries are not injured by freezing, and so it is an easy matter to ship them in cold weather. They are often sent as far as Manitoba in ordinary open box cars. When they arrive they are frozen into solid blocks of ice. The sides of the cases are knocked off, and the berries are exposed in a solid mass, like cakes of ice, except that they are much more beautiful from their rich red color. They are chopped off exactly like ice, and the citizen of Winnipeg is so accustomed to buying his cranberries en bloc that he doesn't mind in the least, though an Easterner would probably object to taking them in that way, thinking, in his prejudiced mind, that the berries are spoiled.—Hartford Post.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 14¢ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15¢ and 25¢ per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Equine Intelligence.

A pious Long Island editor fathers the story of a horse owned by Samuel Webb of Greenport, which, after being hitched up each morning, goes alone to the master's store; but one day when its shoe was loose it went instead to the blacksmith's shop, where Mr. Webb found it.

"Klondike Bulletin"

Will be published by the *Soo Line* Mondays, containing all TELEGRAPHIC NEWS and up-to-date information as to RAILWAYS, SERVICES, STEAMSHIP SAILINGS, and every facility as same develop. INVALUABLE to Alaskan prospectors and all their friends. To be placed on mailing list, send six cents (6¢) in stamps to W. R. CALLAWAY, G. P. A., Minneapolis, Minn.

Wild Language.

"Some fiend incarnate," says a Mississippi editor, "with the roaring furnace of hell staring him in the face, entered the residence of John Jones recently and stole the Presbyterian Sunday school collection."—New York Tribune.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50¢ or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Still Able to Kick.

A Kentucky mule has been working steadily for 39 years, and is able yet to kick a hole through a two-inch plank.

HOW TO WASH WITH EASE.

Any Woman, With a Little Experience, Can Wash Garments Satisfactorily.

That the family washing cannot be satisfactorily done with a scant supply of hard water and inferior soap is a fact not always understood by housekeepers, yet these inconveniences are the cause of yellow clothes, and faded garments. Strong lye soap made in the home kitchens, may have answered for the use of our grandmothers, and the cheap laundry soap found in the village stores half a century ago was thought good enough for women who had learned to make hard rubbing do the work which good soap should have done. But in this age of progress labor-saving appliances are used by intelligent women, and in no place do they count for more than in the laundry. After assorting the clothes, put the linens in a tub nearly full of hot water, and rub them with Ivory Soap, as each piece is washed, it should be wrung out, and placed in a clean tub. When all are washed pour boiling water over, and let stand until cool, then rinse, and starch the clothes. After the linens are washed, the white wearing clothes should be washed in the same way, then the colored garments taken through fresh suds, rinsed, starched, and hung on the line. When dry each piece should be taken from the line, shaken out, sprinkled, folded and laid in a basket overnight, when they should be carefully ironed. ELIZA R. PARKER.

Collection of Indian Antiquities.

The late Hallett Phillips' remarkable collection of over 20,000 Indian implements and antiquities from the valley of the Potomac river has been given to the Smithsonian Institution by Thomas Lee, to whom Mr. Phillips had bequeathed it. Besides being an expert of high rank in international law, Mr. Phillips, in a comparatively short life, became the greatest authority in the country on the subject of prehistoric man in the Atlantic tide-water region. The Phillips collection is said to be the best key in existence to the manners and habits of the ancient Algonquin race, as it was the largest of its class in the world.

The Atlantic Monthly for 1898.

In the number for January a new and notable novel, "The Battle of the Strong," by Mr. Gilbert Parker, will be begun. It will be recalled that the Atlantic published Mr. Parker's successful "Seas of the Mighty." Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith's stirring serial, "Caleb West," which was begun in the October number, will be concluded in the number for March.

Short stories by the best writers will be a part of the contents of every number.

Advice to Klondikers.

"Be sure you are right—then go ahead." The newspapers are filled with all sorts of statements regarding mining in the Yukon basin; and schemes for the profit of the "stay-at-homes" are more plentiful than icicles in Dawson. The railways are trying to place before you reliable information as to the country and how to get there. The Northern Pacific as the pioneer in Alaska passenger traffic, running its trains from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Puget Sound and Portland, have by their recently issued map folder on Alaska, again demonstrated their right to first consideration. Send Chas. S. Fee, St. Paul, Minn., 2-cents postage for the latest and best Alaska map published.

How It Worked.

"It works this way," said the agent. "When a burglar tries to open the window this bell begins ringing and wakes you up." "Bell rings and wakes me up?" said Popper. "And it will wake the baby, too. I don't want it. Take it away. I guess you don't know that kid of mine."—The Yellow Book.

Hasn't Slept for Three Months.

George W. Woodruff, of Florida, Ind., has not slept for three months. He works day and night and his general health is good.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10¢ or 25¢. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money. My liberty ends when it begins to involve the possibility of ruin to my neighbor.—John Stuart Mill.

Iowa Farms for sale on crop payment, \$1 per acre cash, balance 1/4 crop yearly until paid for. J. Mulhall, Waukegan, Ill.

A good woman is the salt of the earth and a flirt is its pepper.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Condensed Report of the Doings in Senate and House.

PENSION BILL IS PASSED.

The Measure Provides for an Expenditure of \$141,263,880.—Mr. Dingley Confident of the Success of His Tariff Bill.

Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The session of the house lasted only fifteen minutes. W. A. Stone (rep.) of Pennsylvania reported the pension appropriation bill.

In the senate Senator Allen introduced a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the senate that congress should, with all convenient speed, acknowledge by appropriate act the political independence of Cuba. The senator said he was convinced the sentiment of the country was opposed to the position taken by the administration.

Thursday, Dec. 9.

The house in committee of the whole entered upon the consideration of the pension appropriation bill. It was admitted on both sides of the house that the \$140,000,000 carried by the bill for pensions would not cover the expenditures, but as congress would be in session Mr. Cannon said it would be easy to make good any deficiency that might occur.

Mr. Allen (dem., Miss.) produced figures showing an estimated deficit for the next year of \$72,000,000. Mr. Norton (dem., O.) charged that Commissioner of Pensions Evans had advocated a law that would hereafter cut off the widow and the orphan. Messrs. Myer (dem., Ind.) and Campbell (dem., Ill.) submitted brief remarks in favor of liberal pensions.

The senate did a considerable amount of business, although no very important measures were considered or passed, and there was very little debate. Mr. Carter, chairman of the census committee, secured unanimous consent for the consideration on Monday next of his bill providing for the taking of the federal census in 1900. The senate adjourned until Monday.

Friday, Dec. 10.

The house passed the pension appropriation bill without amendment and adjourned until Monday. As passed the bill carries \$141,263,880. Mr. Dingley gave a new interpretation of the estimated increase in pension expenditures. He figured out a surplus of \$19,000,000 for the coming fiscal year. The effect of the anticipatory revenues, he said, would all be overcome during this fiscal year, and that after May or June, 1898, the revenues would exceed the expenditures.

The senate was not in session.

STREATOR MINERS WIN.

Illinois Operators Agree to Pay Gross-Weight Scale.

After standing out for seven months for what they thought was due them the Streator, Ill., miners have gained a decided victory. The operators have agreed to pay the gross-weight scale for mining, which was adopted at the Joliet conference a few days ago. This ends the long strike in this section and will put 2,000 men at work in the next few days.

Refused to Grant Injunction.

Judge McClure refused to grant the state of Indiana an injunction against the Standard Oil Company's gas-wasting methods in the gas field. The case will be appealed to the supreme court, and if necessary carried to the federal courts.

Kern's Murderers Sentenced.

Judge Clyde sentenced Delilah Pales to be imprisoned twenty years and William Kern twelve years for the murder of Jerome Kern, near Waverly, Iowa. They pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree.

Continued to February Term.

The trial of former Deputy Treasurer Perry Fair, charged with forgery and the embezzlement of DeKalb county, Ind., funds, was continued to the February term of court.

Protest Against Annexation.

Senator Hoar has presented a monster protest in the senate from native Hawaiians against the annexation of the Hawaiian islands to the United States.

Offer of a Patriotic Spauldard.

The Marquis Villamajor has written to Sagasta, the Spanish premier, offering \$10,000 (\$50,000) to start a national subscription for the increase of the fleet.

Taunt the United States.

The German and French press unite in declaring that the United States has pocketed the Monroe doctrine on seeing Kaiser Williams' resolute attitude.

Rev. Dr. Atkinson Dead.

Rev. Dr. John Atkinson, author of the hymn, "We Shall Meet Beyond the River" and of numerous works on church affairs, is dead.

Deficit in Iowa Treasury.

State Auditor McCarthy in his biennial report estimates that there will be a deficit in the Iowa state treasury of nearly \$500,000 next June.

Talk of Blanco's Resignation.

It is said that General Blanco will resign if he finds it impossible to arrange affairs so as to establish autonomy in the island.

Rumor That the Port Is Closed.

It is rumored in European capitals that China has ceded Liao Chou to Germany.

YOU CAN'T STOP 'EM.

The Fury of an Unfettered Element Falls to Crush Them—The Fire Fiend Defied.

The news comes from Attica, Ind., of the destruction, by fire, of the big laboratory and office building of the Sterling Remedy company, makers of Cascarets Candy Cathartic and No-To-Bac, the original guaranteed tobacco habit cure. The preparations made by this big corporation are known throughout the world.

The fire broke out in one of the packing rooms on the third floor during the noon hour, and had made considerable headway before it was discovered. The Sterling Remedy company is the principal industry of the beautiful little city of Attica, employing several hundred people, besides being affiliated with the interests at the Indiana Mineral Springs, the famous Magno-Mud Cure. The entire population was worked up to a frenzy of excitement.

Meanwhile the almost proverbial energy and presence of mind of "Hustling" Harry Kramer, the general manager of The Sterling Remedy company, was displayed. He was the coolest man at the scene. He quietly walked away, and secured a big carriage show room near by, and had all office furniture, charred and delapidated as it was, taken there. Several shipments were made the same evening from goods saved, and on Friday morning, all departments were at work in various rooms about town, while a gang of men were cleaning away the wreckage preliminary to rebuilding.

The actual damage amounts to many thousands of dollars; the loss due to interruption of business and confusion of detail is inestimable, but pluck and energy of one man will turn defeat into victory and move the wheels of business to ever-increasing speed. Nothing can stop the success of Cascarets and No-To-Bac with such characteristic force behind them.

Poultry Schools in France.

England imports eggs and poultry to the value of \$23,000,000, while France exports \$70,000,000 of the same. France has a number of poultry schools, where pupils are regularly trained in rearing fowls, managing incubators, curing diseases, etc., 30,000 chickens being hatched each season at the Gambais school. The pupils pay for their instruction, and work from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m., three of the hours being devoted to study. Scholarships are founded for the benefit of those unable to afford the tuition fee.

Catarth Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarth is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarth Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarth Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarth. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75¢. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Walking for Pleasure.

Harry Chester, the Globe trotter, is now making a tour of the south on foot, which will likely be extended to the Klondike in the spring. He sells the World, song books and pictures, and during the long evenings lectures on his travels.

Seal Skins Are Scarce.

Every woman in the country who was promised a sealskin coat this winter has been several times informed that the total catch was only 30,000 skins—not nearly enough to supply the demand.—EX.

Between New York and Liverpool.

The screw of an Atlantic liner revolves something like 630,000 times between Liverpool and New York.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

Fad—A peculiarity of another person.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897: Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

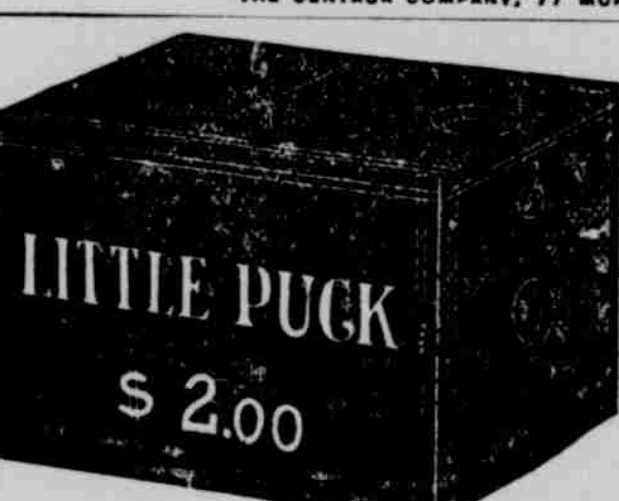
Do Not Be Deceived. Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

"The Kind You Have Always Bought" BEARS THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF

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Insist on Having The Kind That Never Failed You.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.



MRS. LYNSS ESCAPES

The Hospital and a Fearful Operation.

Hospitalising great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls.

Why should this be the case? Because they have neglected themselves! Women as a rule attach too little importance to first symptoms of a certain kind. If they have toothache, they will try to save the tooth, though many leave even this too late. They comfort themselves with the thought that they can replace their teeth; but they cannot replace their internal organs!

Every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warnings in the form of bearing-down feelings, pain at the right or the left of the womb, nervous dyspepsia, pain in the small of the back, the "blues," or some other unnatural symptom, but they did not heed them.

Don't drag along at home or in the shop until you are finally obliged to go to the hospital and submit to horrible examinations and operations! Build up the female organs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will save you from the hospital. It will put new life into you.

The following letter shows how Mrs. Lyness escaped the hospital and a fearful operation. Her experience should encourage other women to follow her example. She says to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I thank you very much for what you have done for me, for I had given up in despair. Last February, I had a miscarriage caused by overwork. It affected my heart, caused me to have sinking spells three to four a day, lasting sometimes half a day. I could not be left alone. I flowed constantly. The doctor called twice a day for a week, and once a day for four weeks, then three or four times a week for four months. Finally he said I would have to undergo an operation. Then I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after one week I began to recover and steadily improved until I was cured completely. By taking the Pinkham medicine, I avoided an operation which the doctor said I would certainly have to undergo. I am gaining every day and will cheerfully tell anyone what you have done for me."—Mrs. TAOX. LYNSS, 10 Frederick St., Rochester, N. Y.



Went His Own Way.

Perry Rushing and his wife quarreled at the fork of a road near Troy, Ala. Mrs. Rushing wanted to go one way and he the other. Finally he said he would die before he went Mrs. Rushing's way. She was obdurate, and Rushing blew off the top of his head with his shotgun.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets.—Beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10¢, 25¢, 50¢.

Moral, Keep Books.

Dasherly—"Awful break, Miss Scrooge made." Flasherly—"What was it?" Dasherly—"Got her Christmas presents mixed and actually sent some to the very people that gave them to her."—The Yellow Book.

Important Notice.

A man or woman of good church standing can secure position with well known house of 20 years standing to act as Manager and Correspondent in this country. Salary \$100 yearly. Address A. P. T. Elder, Secretary, 275 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Better Than Klondike.

C. H. Shattuck of West Virginia some time ago bought a farm for \$800. Recently it was found to be rich in oil, and he sold it for \$800,000.

ASTHMA can be quickly cured by Dr. Taft's Asthmene. All sufferers from this distressing complaint should write to Dr. Taft Bros., 4 Elm St., Rochester, N. Y., for a sample bottle, sent absolutely free on receipt of name and address. They are reliable.

An immense pulp mill, the largest in Maine, is soon to be erected on the banks of the Androscoggin river.

WITHOUT DOUBT

St. Jacobs Oil Cures RHEUMATISM.

W. N. U. CHICAGO, NO. 51. 1897. When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

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Sick and Nervous Headaches POSITIVELY Cured in 30 Minutes, by Anti-Neuralgic. At all druggists or sent post-paid upon receipt of \$1. FRENCH CHEMICAL CO. 356 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

HALL'S Vegetable Sicilian HAIR RENEWER. Cleanses the scalp and puts new life into the hair. It restores the lost color to gray hair. It means youth and beauty.

SOUTHERN Homeseekers' Guide

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CURE YOURSELF! The Big 64 for internal discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of the rectum, hemorrhoids, piles, and not suffering. FRENCH CHEMICAL CO. sent or post-paid. Circular sent on request.

CAUSE FOR ALARM.

How baldness begins.

How to prevent it.

Every person, male or female, shrinks from baldness. It adds to the appearance of age and is a serious discomfort. The cases are rare when the falling out of the hair may not be stopped, and a new and healthy growth of the hair promoted. The hair grows in the scalp like a plant in the soil. If a plant flourishes, it must have constant attention; it must be watered regularly and find its food in the soil where it is rooted. It's so with the hair. Neglect is usually the beginning of baldness. Dandruff is allowed to thicken on the scalp. The hair begins to loosen. The scalp loses its vitality. The hair, insufficiently nourished, begins to fade and to fall. The instant need in such a case is some practical preparation which, supplying the needed nourishment to the scalp, will feed the hair, give it strength, and so produce a strong and healthy growth. All this is done by Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor, the most practical and valuable preparation for the hair that can be obtained. It tones up the scalp, does away with dandruff, stops the hair from falling, restores the original color to gray or faded hair, and gives an abundant and glossy growth. Those who are threatened with approaching baldness will be interested in the following voluntary statement, made by Alderman S. J. Green, of Spencer, Iowa. He writes:

"About four months ago, my hair commenced falling out so rapidly that I became alarmed, and being recommended Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor by a druggist, I resolved to try this preparation. I have been now using it for three months, and am much gratified to find that my hair has ceased falling out and also that hair which had been turning gray for the past five years has been restored to its original color. It gives me much pleasure to recommend this dressing."—S. J. GREEN, Alderman, Spencer, Iowa.

Those who are interested in preserving and beautifying the hair will do well to take Ayer's Hair Vigor. A story of cures told by the cured. This book of 100 pages is sent free, on request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

